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UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

Attorney Docket Number: 018880.0120

First Named Inventor: J. Donald Hill

Title: Automatic Suture Fixation Apparatus And Method For Minimally Invasive Cardiac Surgery

TO: **BOX PATENT APPLICATION**
Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Attached are the following for filing with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

1. ☒ Fee Transmittal Form (original and duplicate)
2. ☒ Specification - Total Pages: 21 (Including Abstract)

CLAIMS AS FILED						
	Claims Filed	Basic Fee Claims	Extra	Rate		Amount
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Total Claims	34	20	14	\$ 18.00	\$ 9.00	\$ 126.00
Independent Claims	4	3	1	\$ 84.00	\$ 42.00	\$ 42.00
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3. ☒ Drawings - Total Sheets: 11 (Fig(s). 1-11)

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- b. ☐ Copy from a prior application
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Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in prior application.

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7. ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all necessary)
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- ☐ Small Business Concern
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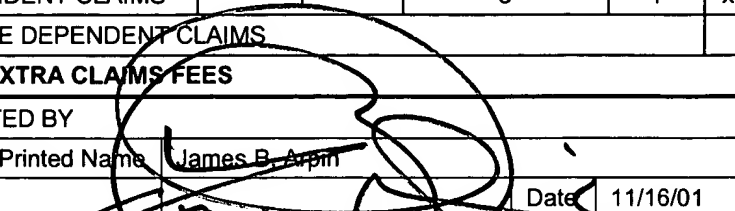
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